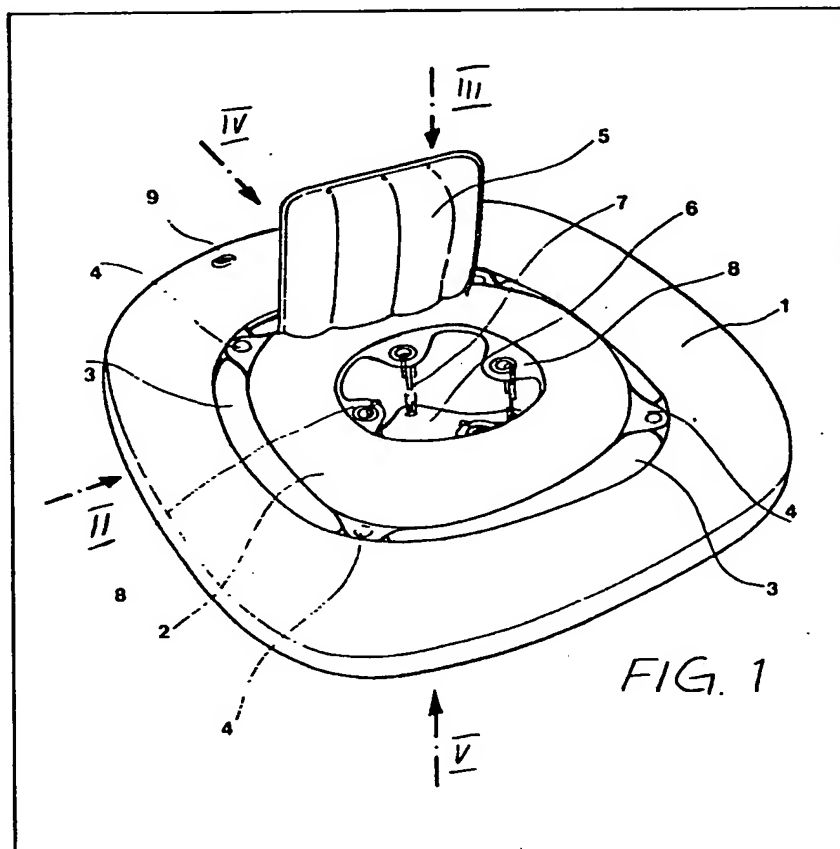


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(54) Floating seat

(57) A floatation support comprises a plurality of ring-like support members 1, 2 of differing dimensions flexibly connected by connecting members 4. A body support 6 is connected by cords 7 to lugs 8 on the inner support member 2 and hangs therefrom.



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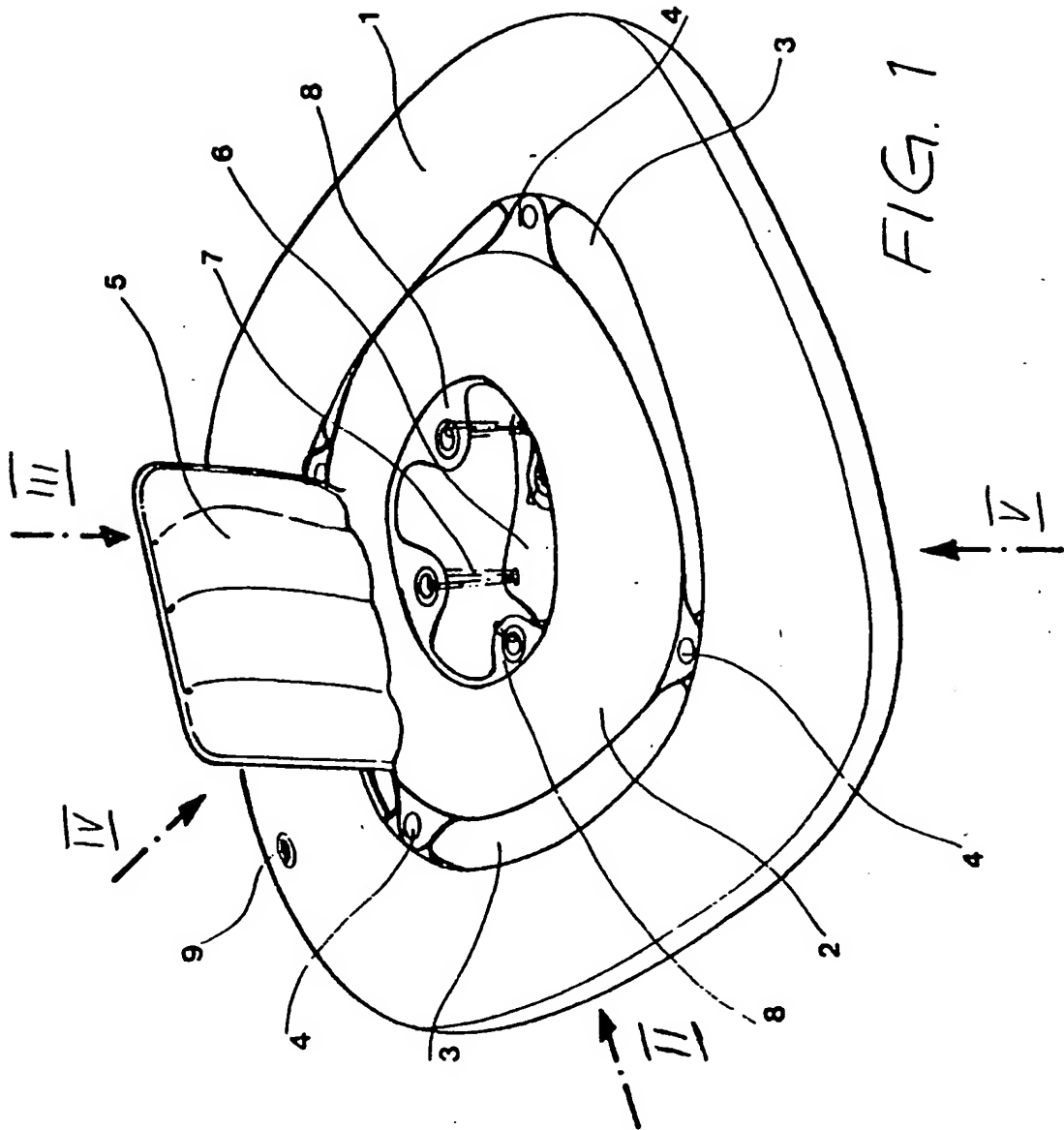
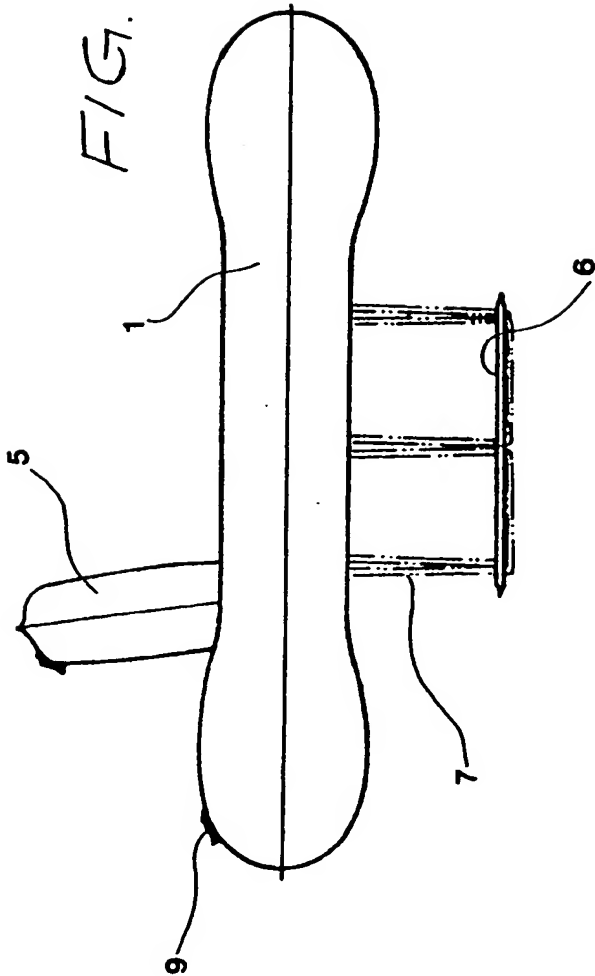


FIG. 1

FIG. 2



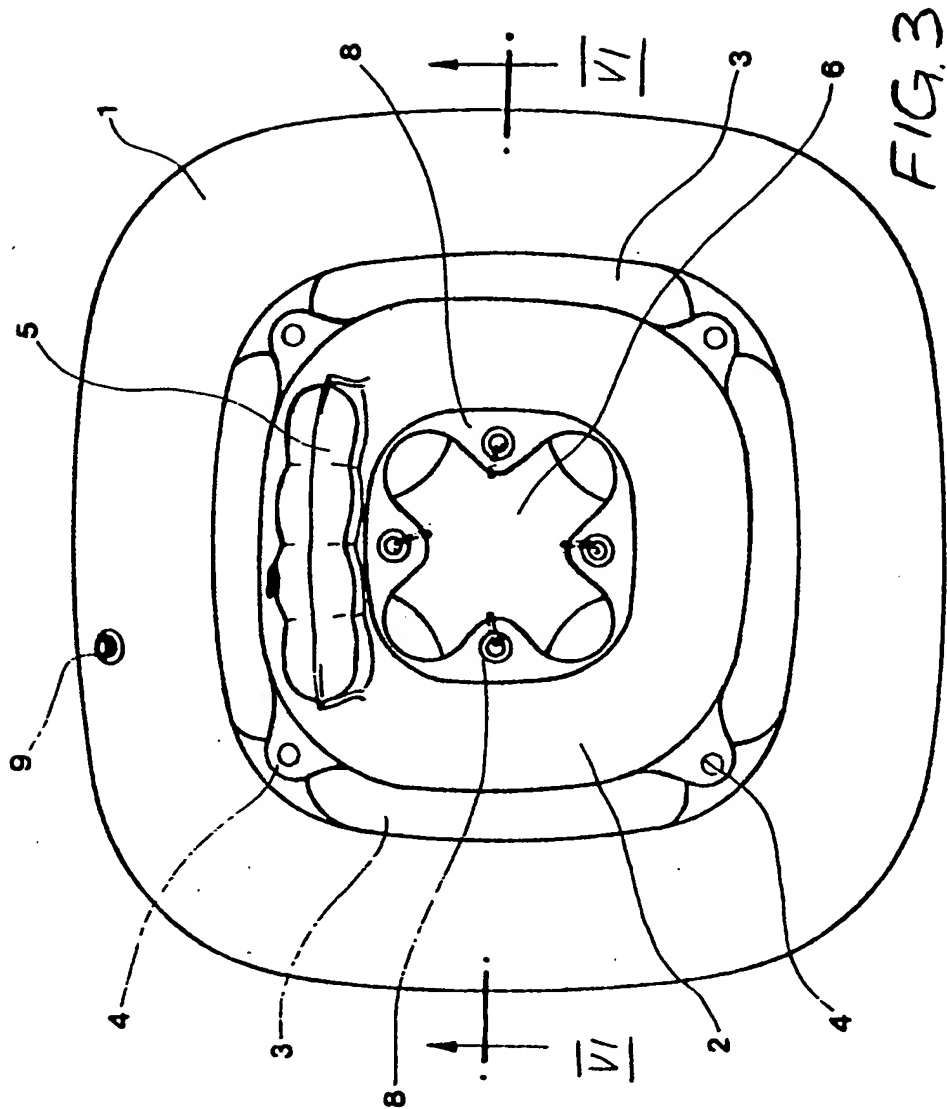


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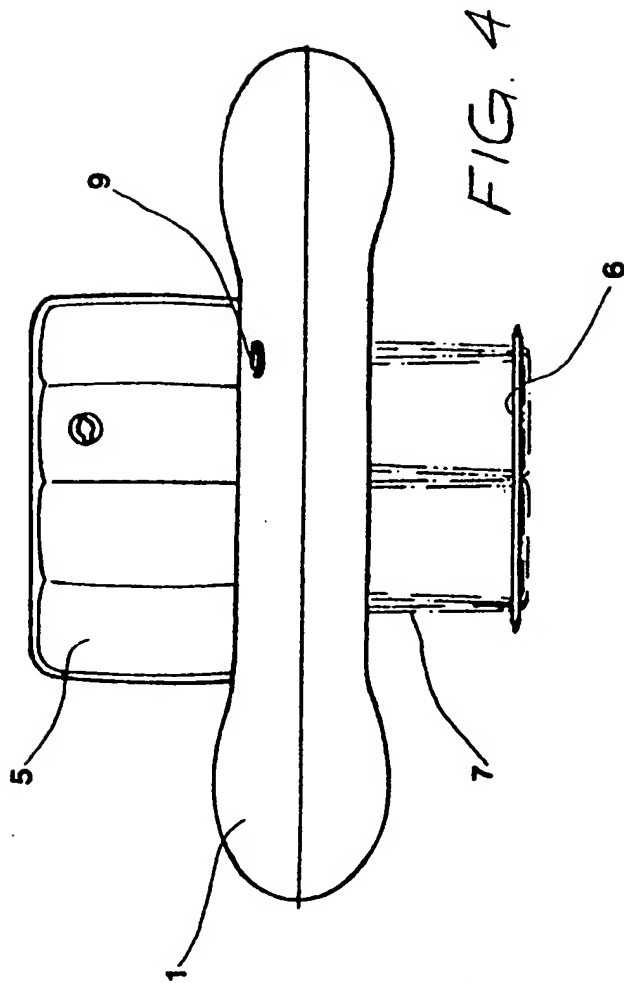
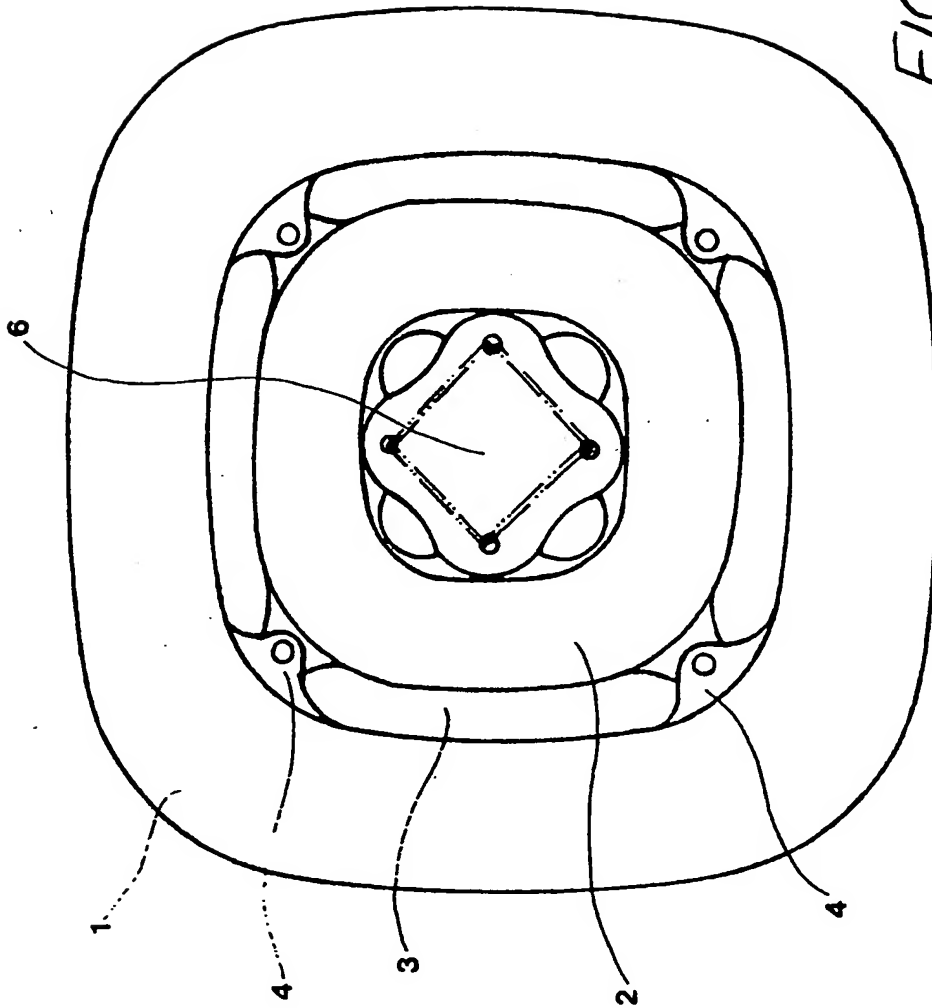


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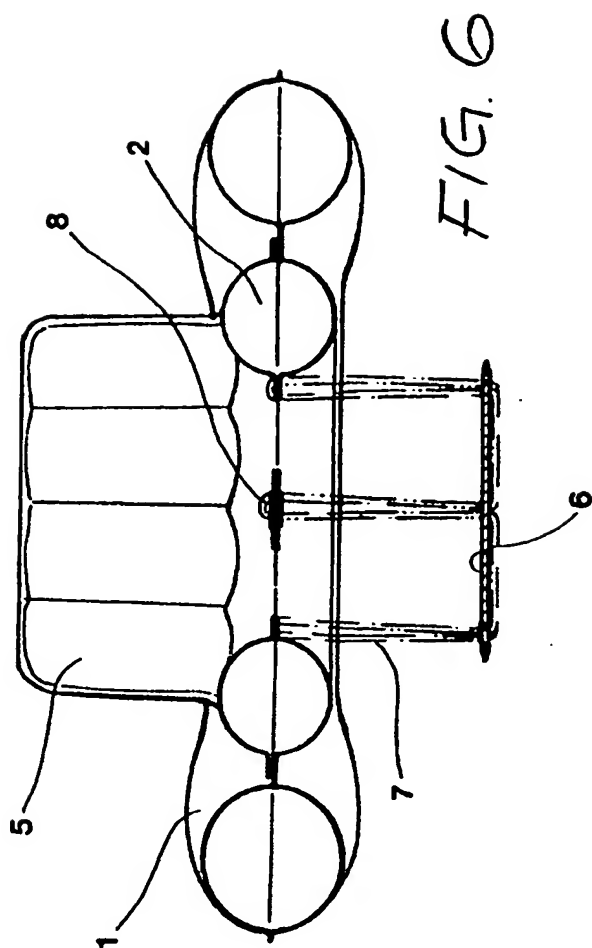
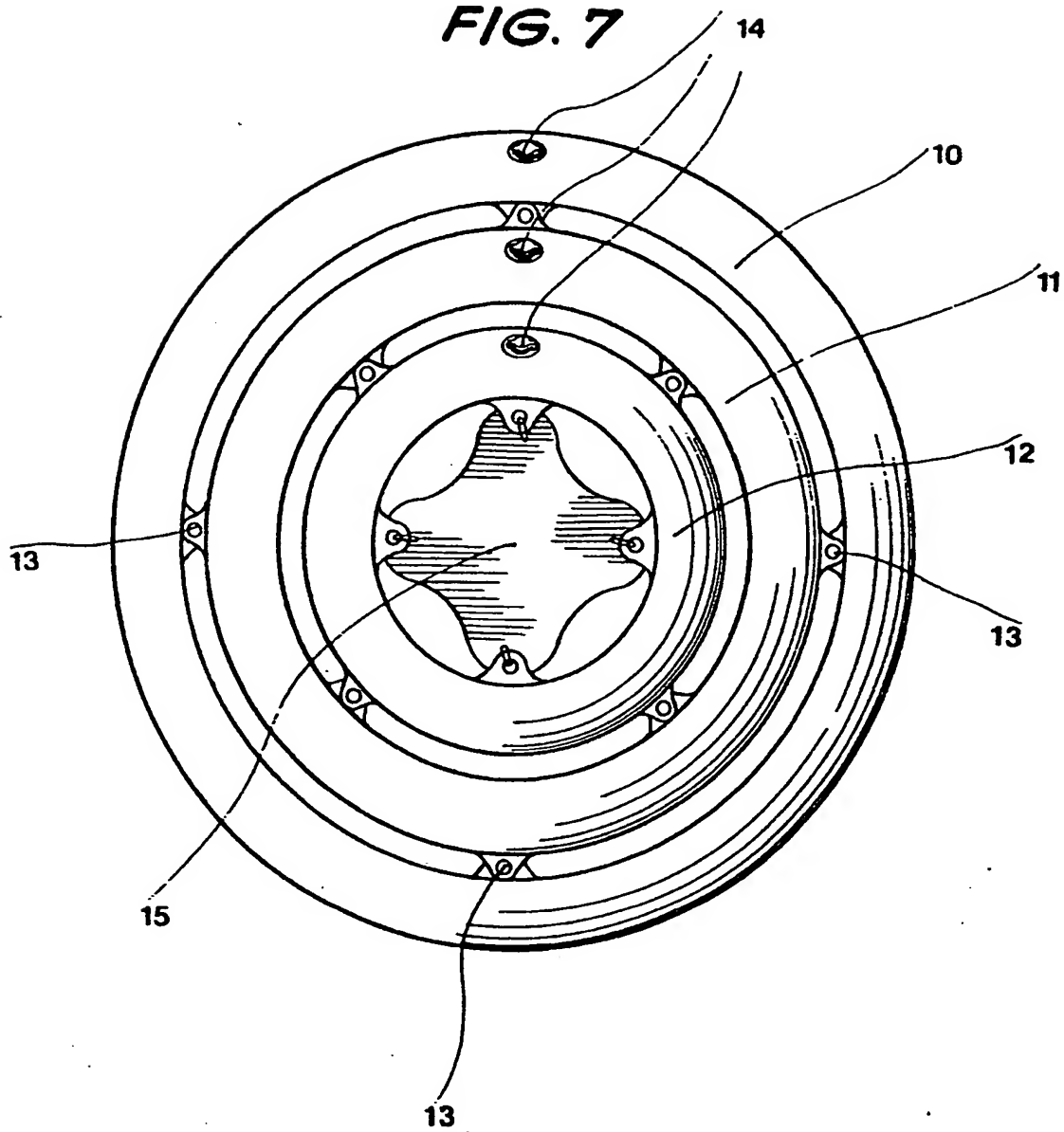


FIG. 7

SPECIFICATION

Floating seat

5 This invention relates to a floatation support for people. It is particularly useful as a floating seat for babies in a swimming pool.

The big problem with floatation devices for people of all ages is that they are unstable and any movement of an occupant toward an edge of the device will tend to overturn the device.

It is an object of this invention to overcome the problem of prior floatation devices.

The invention in one broad form comprises a floatation support comprising several ring-like support members of different dimensions, each support member being connected to its adjacent support member and body holding means dependent from one or more of the support members.

20 A preferred embodiment of the invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:-

Figure 1 is a perspective view;

Figure 2 is a side view;

25 *Figure 3 is a plan view;*

Figure 4 is a rear view;

Figure 5 is a bottom view;

Figure 6 is a sectional view from the front; and

Figure 7 is a plan view of another embodiment.

30 The floatation support of the invention in one form comprises an outer support member 1, an inner support member 2 situated within the area surrounded by the outer support member 1 with a space 3 therebetween. Spaced connecting members 35 4 provide flexible connections between the inner and outer support members.

The floatation support may have a back seat 5. A form of body support depends from the inner support member 2. In the form shown a seat 6 is supported by flexible cord 7 to lugs 8 on the inner side of the inner support member 2.

The number of connecting members 4 may be varied but best results are obtained with four connectors positioned as shown in the drawings.

45 With this arrangement any depression of the inner support member by movement of a person therein is not directly reflected in the outer ring and stability of the device as a whole is maintained. It is also envisaged that the cross-sectional area of the outer support member could be enlarged near the connections 4.

The shape and configuration and the number of the support members 1 and 2 are not important and may be dictated by such things as ease of manufacture, aesthetic appearance, comic appearance e.g. duck shape, stability, size of occupant etc. The more support members there are the safer the support floatation would be.

Figure 7 shows another embodiment. There is no restriction on the number of ring-like members and this embodiment shows three such members 10, 11 and 12 connected together by spaced connections 13. Valves 14 and seat 15 are similar to the other embodiments. This embodiment, like the others, may or may not have a backrest and is shown

without one.

The support members may be made of any suitable buoyant material such as E.V.A., polyurethane or cork. The device shown in the drawings comprises inflatable plastic tubing with valves 9 and 14. Such valves would be double acting, i.e. if the plug is knocked out air does not escape.

CLAIMS

- 75 1. A floatation support comprising several ring-like support members of different dimensions, each support member being connected to its adjacent support member and body holding means dependent from one or more of the support members.
- 80 2. A floatation support as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the support members are inflatable tubes.
3. A floatation support as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the support members are of a buoyant non-inflated material.
- 85 4. A floatation support as claimed in Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the adjacent support members are connected together at four spaced positions.
5. A floatation support as claimed in any preceding claims, wherein the body support means comprises a seat position connected to the inner support member by flexible cord.
- 90 6. A floatation support as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein there are two support members.
- 95 7. A floatation support as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein a backrest is provided on the inner support member.

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